GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:527
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
ACHIEVEMENTS OF REGP
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements of the Rural Employment Generation Programme introduced by the Government in the country, State-wise;

(b) the provisions made by the Government to provide marketing and training facilities for the beneficiaries under the said Programme; and

(c) the manner in which the Government intend to create job opportunities in the rural areas through Khadi and Village Industries Commission?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PEN AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 527 BY SHRI SUE MOHITE, M.P. FOR ANSWER ON 29.08.2001

(a) to (c): The Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) was launched on the basis of recommendation of the High Power Committee constituted under the then Prime Minister. This Programme is being implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

Under the REGP, the KVIC introduced a scheme namely Margin Money Scheme (MMS) with effect from 1.4.1995 for viable Village Industries projects. The projects sanctioned under MMS as on 31.3.2000 in the country State-wise is as at Annexure-I.

The Margin Money Scheme (MMS) provides 25% of the project cost for the projects upto Rs. 10 lakhs as margin money grant. For projects above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% of the remaining cost of the project. Special concession is being provided to SC/ST/Ex-servicemen/Women/Minority/ Physically Handicapped, OBC beneficiaries and all the beneficiaries of North Eastern Region, Andaman & Nicobar and Sikkim State wherein the margin money grant is given at the rate of 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs.

For the development and promotion of Khadi and Village Industries, the Government of India announced a package for the Khadi and Village Industries sector on 14.5.2001. the main features of this package consist of a Rebate Policy for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA),Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provision of additional working capital.